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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND
DISCIPLINE

No. C99-059

In the matter of:
Biswa Paul, M.D.
License Number 4685

Consent Order

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §5-37-5.2, 1956, as amended, (1995 Reenactment) complaints were filed with the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as "Board") charging Biswa Paul, M.D., Respondent, with violations of §5-37-5.1. An investigation was conducted by an Investigating Committee, so called, of the Board.

The following constitutes the Investigating Committee's Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent.

Findings of Facts

1. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline was notified by a hospital medical staff chief that the care rendered by the Respondent to certain patients failed to meet the acceptable standard of care.

2. Concurrent with this report, the Respondent notified the Board that his medical condition would prevent him from continuing the practice of medicine.
3. The Board finds that the Respondent's medical condition prevents him from practicing medicine with a reasonable degree of skill and safety.

The parties agree as follows:

- (1) The Respondent is a physician licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license No. MD4685.
- (2) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- (3) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of an Investigating Committee of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
- (4) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;

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- f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
- g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
- h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;
- i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.

(5) If the Consent Order is not accepted by the Respondent, the Investigative Committee will recommend to the Board that an Administrative Hearing be scheduled with respect to any and all acts of alleged unprofessional conduct. If the Board approves, a Hearing Committee will be convened for the purpose of conducting the Administrative Hearing. The composition of the Hearing Committee votes in favor or finding the Respondent guilty of unprofessional conduct as specified in the charges; the Board shall prepare written finding of fact and law in support of said conclusion. If the accused is found not guilty, the Board shall, forthwith, issue an order dismissing the charges.

(6) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent of the facts set forth herein.

- (7) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board.
- (8) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- (9) The Respondent voluntarily surrenders his license to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island.

Signed this 7th day of Nov, 1999.

Biswa N. Paul, M.D.
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Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on Nov. 17, 1999.

Patricia A. Nolan MD, MPH
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Director of Health
Chairperson
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline